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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN

1. OPPOSITION OF VARIOUS AFRICAN STATES AT OAU SUMMIT TO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR EXPULSION, OR EVEN SUSPENSION, OF ISRAEL FROM UN GIVEN RATHER PROMINENT COVERAGE AUGUST 1 IN LOCAL PRESS. MUSA SABRY OF AL-AKHBAR, ALI HAMDI AL-GAMAL IN AHAM, AND MUHSIN MUHAMMAD OF GUMHURIYYA REPORT THAT AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS STATED THAT EVEN SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL WOULD END EMBARRASSING SITUATION IN WHICH RECENT EGYPTIAN POLICY HAS PLACED ISRAELIS AND WOULD LEAD TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH ARABS OPPOSE. AFRICANS REPORTEDLY ALSO INSISTED THAT SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL MIGHT WELL SABOTAGE CHANCES OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND WOULD RALLY BOTH WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICANS AROUND ISRAELIS IN SYMPATHY.

2. AFRICAN MINISTERS ALSO REPORTEDLY RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER
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ISRAELI SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION WOULD RECEIVE TWO-THIRDS VOTE

IN UNGA, AS TWO-THIRDS WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED WITH EUROPEAN IN CHAIR. ALSO, AFRICANS WONDERED WHETHER UN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WOULD VOTE, AS IT HAD PREVIOUS YEAR WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT NOT TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE WITHIN ITS BORDERS. AFRICANS REPORTEDLY WARNED ARABS THAT DEFEAT IN UN COULD BE SEVERE SET-BACK FOR ARAB CAUSE AS WELL AS FOR NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. MOST OF AFRICAN OPPOSITION REPORTEDLY WAS TO ORIGINAL PLO RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO MUHAMMAD, WHEN NIGERIAN FONMIN STATED THAT PLO NOT MEMBER OF OAU, BUT ONLY OBSERVER, EGYPTIAN MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUHAMMAD RIAD SUBMITTED PLO PROPOSAL. WORDING WAS CHANGED FROM EXPULSION TO QTE DEPRIVATION OF MEMBERSHIP UNQTE AND FINALLY TO SUSPENSION. EVEN WITH WATERED-DOWN RESOLUTION, STATED GUMHURIYYA, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, ZAIRE, IVORY COAST, AND SIERRA LEONE VOTED AGAINST AND IMPRESSION EMERGES FROM ARTICLES THAT OTHER AFRICAN STATES STILL ENTERTAINED DOUBTS. AL-GAMAL REPORTED THAT ZAIRE, GABON, KENYA, ETHIOPIA, AND LIBERIA STRONGLY OPPOSED ORIGINAL EXPULSION RESOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: GUMHURIYYA ARTICLE BY MUHAMMAD DOES NOT SPECULATE AS TO WHY MINSTATE RIAD SUPPORTED PLO RESOLUTION AFTER COMMENTS BY PRES SADAT EARLIER AT KHARTOUM CONCERNING DISADVANTAGES OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL. ARTICLE STATES ONLY THAT RIAD COMMENTED THAT EXPULSION RESOLUTION SAME DOCUMENT WHICH EMERGED FROM ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS JULY CONFERENCE IN JIDDA. EILTS

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